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SUBJECT: CSCE: MALTESE PROPOSAL FOR MEDITERRA EAN
MONITORING COMMITTEE

REF: GENEVA 5815; GENEVA 5817

GENEVA FOR USDEL CSCE

1. IN CSCE COORDINATING COMMITTEE DISCUSSION SEPTEMBER 19,
YOU SHOULD BE GUIDED BY THE FOLLOWING IN OPPOSING MALTESE
PROPOSAL FOR "MEDITERRANEAN MONITORING COMMITTEE."

2. YOU SHOULD TAKE GENERALLY LOW-KEY APPROACH, MAKING
POINT THAT WE BELIEVE MALTESE PROPOSAL GOES FAR BEYOND
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HELSINKI MANDATE, OPERATIVE PARAGRAPHS OF WHICH SIMPLY

CALL ON COMMITTEES I AND II TO "BEAR IN MIND" BROADER WORLD INTERESTS, ESPECIALLY EUROPE-MEDITERRANEAN RELATIONSHIPS, IN CONSIDERATION OF QUESTIONS OF SECURITY AND COOPERATION IN EUROPE. THE FOCUS OF CSCE, WE BELIEVE, SHOULD REMAIN ON EUROPE, AS SPECIFIED IN THE HELSINKI MANDATE.

3. MOREOVER, EARLY DISCUSSION OF THE MALTESE PROPOSAL TO CREATE A PERMANENT BODY UNDER AEGIS OF CSCE TO DEAL INTER ALIA WITH POLITICAL AND SECURITY QUESTIONS IN THE MEDITERRANEAN WOULD PREEMPT DISCUSSION OF POST-CSCE

ORGANIZATIONAL ARRANGEMENTS TO BE TAKEN UP IN COMMITTEE IV. FOR OUR PART, WE CONTINUE TO QUESTION, IN PARTICULAR, THE NEED FOR A POST-CSCE PERMANENT BODY EMPOWERED TO DEAL WITH POLITICAL AND SECURITY QUESTIONS.

4. WE BELIEVE THE CONFERENCE WILL HAVE GONE AS FAR AS IT SHOULD TO ENSURE THAT MEDITERRANEAN QUESTIONS RECEIVE ADEQUATE ATTENTION AT GENEVA THROUGH: (A) REPEATED APPEARANCES OF REPRESENTATIVES OF NON-EUROPEAN MEDITERRANEAN LITTORAL STATES AT CSCE; (B) CONSIDERATION OF THE ITALIAN AND CYPRUS-MALTA-YUGOSLAV DRAFT "DECLARATIONS" ON THE MEDITERRANEAN; AND (C) INCLUSION OF REFERENCES TO THE MEDITERRANEAN AREA IN DOCUMENTS TO BE NEGOTIATED IN BASKETS 1 AND 2 UNDER PARAS 15 AND 28 OF THE HELSINKI MANDATE.

5. ALSO IN LOW-KEY, YOU SHOULD EXPRESS REGRET AT INCLUSION IN PARA 4 OF MALTESE TEXT OF REFERENCE TO "VARIOUS ADVENTUROUS INTERVENTIONS" BY US AND USSR IN THE MEDITERRANEAN AND EUROPE IN RECENT YEARS AND RECALL MAJOR SUCCESS OF US DIPLOMACY THIS PAST YEAR IN BREAKING STALEMATE BETWEEN ARABS AND ISRAELIS AND STIMULATING PROGRESS TOWARD PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT OF THEIR DIFFERENCES.

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6. FOR BONN, LONDON, PARIS, OSLO AND OTTAWA: YOU SHOULD CALL ON FONOFF WORKING LEVEL OFFICIALS CONCERNED WITH CSCE TO EXPRESS US VIEWS ON MALTESE PROPOSAL, DRAWING AS APPROPRIATE ON ABOVE. YOU SHOULD ALSO EXPRESS DESIRE OF US FOR CONSULTATIONS ON THIS SUBJECT IN NATO CAUCUS AT GENEVA.

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